ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1600**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mathias GEHRMANN et al.

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For: **FUSION PROTEINS FOR**

PRODRUG ACTIVATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action of August 7, 2000, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 29, and 30 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A compound comprising [an] at least one antigen binding region linked to at least one prodrug-activating enzyme, where the antigen binding [region] region(s) is composed of a single polypeptide chain, and where the antigen FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, binding region has a bivalent or a multivalent structure.

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